

STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS, AND  
PROFESSIONAL LICENSING  
Atwood Building  
550 West Seventh Ave. Room 1550  
Anchorage, AK

Board of Nursing Minutes  
August 4-5, 2021

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the professions of AS 44/62, Article 6, a meeting of the Board of Nursing was held in the Atwood Building 550 W. 7th Ave., Suite 1550 Anchorage, Alaska

**Wednesday, August 4, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Danette Schloeder called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m.

**Agenda Item 1: Roll Call**

Those present constituting a quorum were:

- Chair RN Member: Danette Schloeder, RN, Anchorage
- Public Member: Shannon Connelly, Palmer
- APRN Member: Wendy Monrad, APRN, RN, Anchorage
- Educator Member, Catherine Hample, RN, MSN, Wasilla - excused
- Public Member: Julie Tisdale, Wasilla
- RN Member: Lena Lafferty, RN, Anchorage
- LPN Member: Michael Wilcher, Fairbanks - excused

Staff present from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing:

- Lisa Maroney, Licensing Supervisor
- Madeleine Henderson, Licensing Examiner
- Joan Green, Nurse Consultant
- Tessa Linderman Walker, Executive Director

Members of the Public in attendance via Zoom:

Beth Farnstrom, AaNa

Barbara Pennington, State of Alaska School Nurse Consultant

Sharon Sweeney Fee, Western Governor's University

Lynn VanVactor, Alaska State Nursing Home Association

### **Agenda Review**

On a motion made by Shannon Connelly, seconded by Wendy Monrad and carried with 5 Ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that the Alaska Board of Nursing approve the agenda for the August 4-5, 2021 meeting.

**Ethics Disclosures: None**

### **Agenda Item 2: Public Testimony**

Lynn VanVactor, Alaska Nursing Home Association – Welcome to our new Executive Director. She continues to support the nursing licensure compact and would like to encourage that the division find more ways to speed up and streamline licensing.

Colleen Bridge, RN – Welcome to Ms. Linderman Walker. Asked if the Board will take a position on the actions of hospitals having Covid-19 vaccines before returning to frontline work.

### **Agenda Review**

On a motion made by Wendy Monrad, seconded by Shannon Connelly and carried with 5 Ayes. It was, **RESOLVED** that the Alaska BON approve the agenda for the August 4, 2021 meeting.

Public Member Julie Tisdale joined the meeting at 9:30am.

Ended Public Testimony at 9:35a.m.

### **Agenda Item 3: Chair Update**

- Chair Schloeder updated the Board with information on the NCLEX exam review
- Executive Administrator Tessa Linderman Walker informed the board about the FBI/NCSBN ongoing investigation on the Diploma mill issue. As well as the steps that the Board of Nursing is doing to see if anyone was licensed in Alaska.

### **Agenda Item 4: 2021 Annual BON Report**

- Review of priorities and travel

### **Agenda Item 5: Licensing Reports and CNA Site Visit Reports**

- NCLEX report

- Licensing Summary
- Joan Green's report on CNA programs: 3 are below 80% in the 3rd quarter, having mentors is helping, there are 24 programs and 1 in provisional status, Chugiak-Eagle River Senior Center is terminating their program.

On a motion made by Shannon Connelly, seconded by Lena Lafferty and carried with 6 Ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that the Alaska Board of Nursing approve Bartlett Hospital CNA program provisional status be removed and they become a State of Alaska approved nurse aide training program. The motion passed with no further discussion.

**Break: 10:02a.m.**

**Return: 10:30a.m.**

**Agenda Item 6: UAP Training Guide updated and clarification on nasal Diazepam or midazolam delegation to a UAP by an RN.**

Barbara Pennington RN, State School Nurse Consultant ask the board to approve revisions that they are making in their "State of Alaska Medication Administration: Guide for Training Unlicensed School Staff".

On a motion made by Danette Schloeder, seconded by Wendy Monrad and carried with 6 Ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that the Alaska Board of Nursing accepts the "State of Alaska Medication Administration: Guide for Training Unlicensed School Staff" as presented to the Board. This medication administration course will be of the State of Alaska School Health Manual.

**Agenda Item 7: PDMP report APRN Pharmacy letter request**

**Lisa Sherrill, PDMP Program Coordinator shared with the board.**

The compliance rate is 95% for DEA and PDMP registration.

Recommendations

Encourage increased reviewing, including the use of delegates

Set daily MME in regulation

Provide guidance to licensees on prescribing practices related to the use of dangerous combinations

The Board suggested showing previous reports and current reports to see comparisons.

**Agenda Item 7: continued- APRN Pharmacy letter request**

**Laura Carillo, Executive Administrator**

Request from the Board of Pharmacy to remove the regulation requirement stating prescriptions by

APRNs, must include the initials APRN. This is an issue in non-electronic scripts. Most scripts are electronic (75%)

This will be addressed when the Board works on regulations in the afternoon.

#### **Agenda Item 8: Rachell Allen Remedial Curriculum Review**

The board reviewed the Rachell Allen Remedial Curriculum Review for approval. The Board will look at this curriculum's NCLEX pass rates prior to addressing this.

**Lunch break: 11:44p.m.**

**Return: 1:00p.m.**

**Education Member Catherine Hample is excused for the afternoon.**

#### **Agenda Item 9: Telehealth Regulations**

**The board reviewed the Telehealth regulation public comments**

On a motion made by Wendy Monrad and seconded by Julie Tisdale and carried with 5 ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that the Board of Nursing after further review and consideration, adopt the emergency regulation changes to 12 AAC 44.925(d) and (h)(6), dealing with standards of practice for Telehealth by APRNs during an urgent situation, to be made permanent as proposed and publicly noticed.

Mental Health practitioners will be invited to the November Board meeting to discuss how this will impact their practices.

APRN Member Wendy Monrad would like the Board to address defining what “present” means and who would be the person to determine an urgent situation.

#### **Agenda Item 10: APRN Regulation changes**

Jun Maiquis worked with the Board so that he can bring a working draft to the November meeting to be presented.

#### **Agenda Item 11: Future Regulations Project**

CNA certificate by endorsement

**Break: 2:13p.m.**

**Return: 2:30p.m.**

#### **Agenda Item 13: Division Report by Melissa Dumas**

· Reviewed fee analysis provided by the Division

#### **Agenda Item 14: Review the Disciplinary Matrix approved August 2019**

Executive Administrator Tessa Linderman Walker and APRN Member Wendy Monrad will reformat the Disciplinary Matrix to make it more user friendly. This will be presented at the November meeting.

**Recessed at 3:19p.m. Until August 5th at 9:00a.m.**

#### **THURSDAY, August 5, 2021 CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Danette Schloeder called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m.

#### **Roll Call**

Those present, constituting a quorum were:

- Chair RN Member: Danette Schloeder, RN Anchorage
- Public Member: Shannon Connelly
- APRN Member: Wendy Monrad, APRN, MSN, Anchorage - excused
- Educator Member: Catherine Hample, RN, MSN, Wasilla
- Public Member: Julie Tisdale
- RN Member: Lena Lafferty, RN, Anchorage
- LPN Member: Michael Wilcher, LPN, Fairbanks – excused

Staff present from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing:

- Tessa Linderman Walker, Executive Administrator
- Sonia Lipker, Investigator
- Jennifer Summers, Investigator
- Joel Dolphin, Investigator
- Marilyn Zimmerman, Division Paralegal

Members of the Public in attendance via Zoom

- Beth Farnstrom, AaNa
- Chris Robinson, Department of Law
- Colleen Bridge,

#### **Agenda Item 15: Investigations**

“In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310, I move to go into executive session for the purpose of meeting with the board's litigation legal counsel, to discuss the facts, status, and litigation strategies involved in a pending lawsuit.

Motion made by Danette Schloeder, seconded by Julie Tisdale and passed with 5 Ayes.

**Let the record reflect that the Board of Nursing moved into Executive Session at 9:05a.m. The door is locked, only Board members, Board staff and the AG are present.**

Let the record reflect the board came out of executive session for this purpose at 9:16a.m.

On a motion made by Danette Schloeder, seconded by Catherine Hample, and carried with 5 Ayes it was agreed that the Alaska Board of Nursing enter into Executive Session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c), and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of discussing cases and reports by the investigative team. Board staff members are to remain during the session.

**Let the record reflect that the Board of Nursing moved into Executive Session at 9:16a.m. The door is locked, only Board members, Board staff and the investigative team are present.**

**Back on the record: at 10:31a.m.**

On a motion made by Lena Lafferty, seconded by Julie Tisdale and carried with 5 Ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that the Alaska Board of Nursing, having examined the Voluntary Surrender of Practical Nurse License, in the matter of **Jane Stewart**, practical nurse license No. 137117, Case No. 2021-000343, hereby adopts this surrender in its entirety, effective immediately.

On a motion made by Lena Lafferty, seconded by Catherine Hample and carried with 5 Ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that the Alaska Board of Nursing, having examined the Voluntary Surrender of Practical Nurse License, in the matter of **Amy L. Britt**, practical nurse license No. NUR6629, Case No. 2021-000332, hereby adopts this surrender in its entirety, effective immediately.

On a motion made by Julie Tisdale, seconded by Catherine Hample and carried with 5 Ayes , it was **RESOLVED** that the Board of The Alaska Board of Nursing, having examined the Consent Agreement, Decision and Order under Case No. 2021-000303, in the matter of **ROBERT J. BROOKS**, nurse aide certificate No. 126095, adopts this Consent Agreement, Decision and Order.

The Consent Agreement, Decision and Order take immediate effect upon signature of this Order in accordance with the approval of the Alaska Board of Nursing.

If there is a violation of any part of this Consent Agreement, Decision and Order, the Division may enforce it by immediately suspending Respondent's license without any additional order from the Board or without a prior hearing.

On a motion made by Julie Tisdale, seconded by Catherine Hample and carried with 4 Ayes and 1 Recuse, it was **RESOLVED** that The Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case Nos. 2020-001055, **Deborah M. Nevitt**, license number NURP6655, adopts the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

This Consent Agreement takes effect immediately upon signature of this Order in accordance with the approval of the Board.

The Division may enforce the Consent Agreement by immediately suspending Respondent's license, without an additional order from the Board or without a prior hearing, for a violation of the Consent Agreement.

On a motion made by Catherine Hample, seconded by Julie Tisdale and carried with 4 Ayes and 1 Recuse, it was **RESOLVED** that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2020-000461, **Aimee Diane Osborn**, license number NURR36758, adopts the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

This Consent Agreement takes effect immediately upon signature of this Order in accordance with the approval of the Board.

The Division may enforce the Consent Agreement by immediately suspending Respondent's license, without an additional order from the Board or without a prior hearing, for a violation of the Consent Agreement

On a motion made by Catherine Hample, seconded by Julie Tisdale and carried with 4 Ayes and 1 Recuse, it was **RESOLVED** that The BOARD OF NURSING for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case Nos. 2021-000221, Respondent **Anne R. Gollan**, license number NURR33632, adopts the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

This Consent Agreement takes effect immediately upon signature of this Order in accordance with the approval of the BOARD OF NURSING.

The Division may enforce the Consent Agreement by immediately suspending Respondent's license, without an additional order from the BOARD or without a prior hearing, for a violation of the Consent Agreement.

On a motion made by Shannon Connelly, seconded by Catherine Hample and carried with 4 Ayes and 1 Recuse, it was **RESOLVED** that The BOARD OF NURSING for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case Number 2020-001107, **Chantal Inez Wolsfeld**, license number NURP6919, adopts the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

This Consent Agreement takes effect immediately upon signature of this Order in accordance with the approval of the BOARD.

The Division may enforce the Consent Agreement by immediately suspending Respondent's license, without an additional order from the BOARD or without a prior hearing, for a violation of the Consent Agreement.

On a motion made by Shannon Connelly, seconded by Catherine Hample and carried with 4 Ayes and 1 Recuse, it was **RESOLVED** that The Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2021-000484, **Sarah E. Elliott**, license



number 174523, adopts the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

This Consent Agreement takes effect immediately upon signature of this Order in accordance with the approval of the Board.

The Division may enforce the Consent Agreement by immediately suspending Respondent's license, without an additional order from the Board or without a prior hearing, for a violation of the Consent Agreement.

### **Probation Requests**

#### **Wendy Perkins**

At its meeting on August 5, 2021, the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska considered a request from Wendy Perkins to modify the probation requirements of her Consent Agreement. Wendy Perkins is a Registered Nurse in the State of Alaska and holds license No. NURR25315.

**On a motion made by Danette Schloeder, seconded by Lena Lafferty, Ms. Perkins' request from early release of her 2-year probation passed with 5 Ayes.**

The Board grants modification to Paragraph B. Duration of Probation (line 3) Any period during which the Respondent is not a resident of the State of Alaska. The Board releases Respondent from the State of Alaska residency requirement.

The Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined this Order, regarding Case No. 2018-000936, pertaining to Wendy Perkins, License No. NURR25315, agrees to modify the existing Agreement, effective immediately upon signature of this Order in accordance with the approval of the Board of Nursing.

#### **Melanie Anderson**

At its meeting on August 5, 2021, the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska considered a request from Melanie Anderson for release from the 2-year probation required under her November 5, 2020 Consent Agreement. Ms. Anderson is a Registered Nurse in the State of Alaska and holds License No. NURR38302, first issued on January 28, 2015, which will lapse unless renewed on November 30, 2022.

**On a motion made by Danette Schloeder, seconded by Catherine Hample the motion Failed to pass with 4 Nays to 1 Aye.**

**All original orders were signed by the Chair.**

On a motion made by Danette Schloeder, seconded by Lena Lafferty and carried with 5 Ayes, it

was **RESOLVED** that the State of Alaska Board of Nursing approve that the current Executive Administrator, Tessa Walker Linderman, can assist with investigative cases as requested by the Board.

**Agenda Item 16: LPN Military Subcommittee follow up**

RN member Lena Lafferty updated the Board on the work that the Subcommittee has been doing so that Air Force BMTCP and Army LPN's can be eligible to sit for licensing exams.

They will be submitting their information to Jun Maiquis and Harriett Dinegar to help draft the language, which will come back to the Board at the November meeting for approval.

**Agenda Item 17 Alternative to Discipline presentation by Maryann Alexander, NCSBN Chief Officer**

Regulation changes will need to be made.

The Board will discuss this at the November meeting to discuss how to move forward.

**Break for lunch 11:58a.m.**

**Return from lunch 1:00p.m.**

**Education Member Catherine Hample is excused for the afternoon.**

**Agenda Item 18: Current Advisory Opinion Review**

Executive Administrator Tessa Linderman Walker created a format so that all advisory opinions will be uniform; based on Washington's system.

The Licensed Board members will each receive 10 advisory opinions to be reviewed to determine whether they need to be updated, retired, or renewed prior to the quarterly board meetings.

**Agenda Item 19: Schedule for next years board meeting**

On a motion made by Danette Schloeder, seconded by Lena Lafferty and carried with 4 Ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that the State of Alaska Board of Nursing will meet on the following dates for 2022: February 9 & 10, May 4 & 5, August 3 & 4, and November 2 & 3.

**Agenda Item 20: Voting on Board Elections**

On a motion made by Lena Lafferty, seconded by Shannon Connelly and carried with 4 Ayes, it

was **RESOLVED** that the State of Alaska Board of Nursing elect to have RN Member Danette Schloeder continue as Chair and have Public Member Julie Tisdale serve as Secretary.

**Agenda Item 21: Meeting Adjourned**

On a motion made by Julie Tisdale, seconded by Lena Lafferty and carried with 4 Ayes, the State of Alaska Board of Nursing adjourned at 1:26p.m. Until November 2021, or for any special meetings that occur before then.

Respectfully submitted,

Licensing Supervisor, Alaska Board of Nursing

Approved:

Date: \_

Chair, Alaska Board of Nursing